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For : ANTIBODY FOR DETECTING POSSIBILITY OF ONSET  
BOVINE LEUKEMIA

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

5. (Amended-Clean Text) An agent for diagnosing a possibility of onset of bovine leukemia which comprises the monoclonal antibody according to claim 1.